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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1478

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PINS, LY, EG
SUBJ: STATUS OF EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS IN TRIPOLI

1. EGYPTIAN CHARGE AHMED ADEL GAVE ME RUNDOWN NOV 26 ON STATUS HIS STAFF AND FUTURE PLANS. ALL EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS AND FAMILIES ARE WELL AND REMAINING IN THEIR RESIDENCES THOUGH THEY ARE FREE TO MOVE AROUND AS THEY WISH. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY HAD APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR'S NOTICE THAT IT WAS LIKELY TO BE ASSAULTED. CHARGE ADEL EVACUATED STAFF WHEN HE REALIZED THERE WAS TO BE NO PROTECTION FROM GOVERNMENT. SEVERAL MESSENGERS OF STAFF WHO REMAINED BEHIND WERE BEATEN BY CROWDS. EMBASSY BUILDING IS COMPLETELY GUTTED THOUGH ADEL BELIEVES THERE ARE SEVERAL SAFES WITH OFFICIAL PAPERS REMAINING INTACT. HE IS SEEKING PERMISSION FROM FONOFF TO RETURN TO BUILDING AND RETRIEVE WHETHER IS LEFT.

2. LATE EVENING NOV 23 CHIEF OF PROTOCOL CALLED HIM TO FONOFF TO GIVE HIM FORMAL NOTICE THAT LIBYANS HAD "WITHDRAWN RECOGNITION." PROTOCOL CHIEF SAID EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MEMBERS WELCOME TO STAY IN LIBYA IF THEY CHOSE BUT AS INDIVIDUALS NOT OFFICIALS. (ADEL THINKS LIBYANS ARE HOPING FOR DEFECTIONS.) THEY WERE, HOWEVER, FREE TO GO BUT NO DEADLINE. FONOFF PROMISED TO FACILITATE DEPARTURE AND AGREED THAT THREE ADMINISTRATIVE
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STAFF COULD REMAIN TO PACK UP PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WHATEVER OFFICIAL PROPERTY SURVIVED. ADEL PLANS TO LEAVE TUESDAY (NOV 29) MORNING BY ROAD TO TUNIS WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. (WIFE AND CHILDREN ARRIVED TO SPEND EID HOLIDAYS THREE DAYS BEFORE INCIDENT.) REMAINING MEMBERS OF STAFF PLANNING TO TRAVEL BY AIR VIA MALTA ABOUT SAME TIME.

3. ADEL HAS BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH CAIRO SINCE BURNING OF
EMBASSY. HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING FOREGOING CONVEYED
TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY AND RECEIVING ANY INSTRUCTIONS.
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